



DUNGOG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 14th November 2022, Term 4 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
Term 4 Week 4 & 5
2022 goes to
TOM SHARP



Message from the Principal

What a **WONDERFUL** couple of weeks of learning and celebrating we have had. It has been great seeing everyone working so hard and enjoying the engaging lessons that are happening across our school.

Stage One are off on their overnight excursion this week. I'm sure they will have an amazing time. Keep an eye on Facebook for some photos of their adventures!

All students had a wonderful time at the **Dungog Show Junior Farmhand Schools Program** at the end of last week. The Animal Nursery was a hit again this year. Well done to all students that were successful in gaining an award or prize at the Show. Our Scarecrows were terrific and won some awards too.

Good Luck to the students playing in the Reg Kelly Cricket Game, the Soccer Gala Day and the NRL League Tag Gala Day this week. All events will be a great opportunity for students to develop and refine their skills.

Our Term 4 LMG Cultural Day was held last week. All students who took part enjoyed interacting with our neighbour schools and participated in some cultural activities.

Permission Notes are currently being sent home in paper version and emailed. During 2023 we will be transitioning to only emailing the Newsletter and Permission Notes. Please ensure we have your most up to date email to ensure you are receiving Newsletters and Permission Notes.

Our Swimming Carnival Fun Day is coming up quickly, a note will be sent home this week. All Parents/Carers and Community members are welcome to join in our fun day.

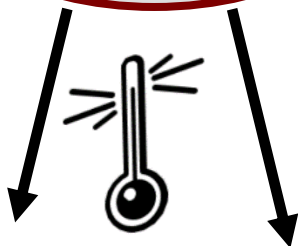
Have a fantastic week of learning!

Ms Kylie Pennell

Dungog Public School Calendar of Events

- ❖ Next Monday Morning PBL Assembly – Monday 14th November.
- ❖ Reg Kelly Cricket Game – Monday 14th November.
- ❖ Year 5 & 6 Interrelate Sessions – Tuesday 15th November.
- ❖ Breakfast Club next 2 dates – Tuesday 15th & Tuesday 22nd November.
- ❖ Youyoong AECG Primary School Awards – Wednesday 16th November.
- ❖ NRL Stage One League Tag Gala Day – Wednesday 16th November.
- ❖ Stage One Excursion – Thursday 17th & 18th November.
- ❖ Soccer Gala Day – Friday 18th November.
- ❖ Kinder Transition next 2 dates – Friday 18th & Friday 25th November.
- ❖ Next Whole School Assembly – Thursday 24th November.
- ❖ Stage 2 & Stage 3 Swimming for Sport next 2 dates – Friday 18th & Friday 25th November.
- ❖ Next P&C Meeting – Monday 21st November.
- ❖ Stage Three Cake Stall on Dowling Street – Tuesday 22nd November.
- ❖ Swimming Fun Day – Tuesday 22nd November.

2022 ATTENDANCE TARGET



TERM 4
WEEK
4 & 5

88%

OUR
WEEKLY
GOAL

93%



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Early Stage One & Stage One News



Kindergarten- KM

It's Week 6 already! KM had a fantastic time at the Dungog Show last week, it was super fun getting to pat all the animals and see our artworks on show! This week, KM are focusing on informative writing all about sharks! We hope Stage 1 have a fantastic time on their excursion this week, we can't wait to hear all about it. Have a nice week!

Stage One- 10

10 have been really enjoying our Science and Geography units this term. We are having some fabulous discussions about 'The Earth's' resources and talking about Australia and it's place in the world. We had a great day at the Dungog Show and enjoyed making our scarecrow Arthur! We are looking forward to our excursion this week! As the weather is getting hotter, please remember a water bottle each day.

Stage One- 1E

Welcome to Week 6! Over the halfway point in the term and getting ready for a busy end to the year! In Maths we have been looking at Fractions and parts of a whole. Our big excursion to Port Stephens is this Thursday and Friday. We can't wait to have a great time, be on the lookout for photos on our school Facebook!

Library with Ms Carter

"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world."

– Napoleon Bonaparte

Reading is one of the best activities children can engage in. Having conversations with your children about what they're reading is a great way to spend time with your child whilst encouraging perspective talking & empathy. Starting the conversation could be as simple as "If you could be friends with any character in the book, who would it be and why?"

Messages

- **Facebook** - Dungog Public School has a very active Facebook page. Like our page so you can follow all the exciting things that are happening at our school.
- **Sentral Parent Portal** – all parents/Carers are encouraged to set up your Parent Portal and turn your notifications on. If you need help to set up your Parent Portal, please contact the school.
- **Attendance Text Messaging System** - Dungog Public School are continuing to use the text messaging system. Text messages will be sent out daily from approximately 10am. It is a simple procedure to allow parents and carers to simply text back a reason why their child is away from school. The return text message only needs to provide a brief reason as to why the child is away on that day. E.g – Doctor's appointment, sick, holiday, funeral, etc
- **Water Bottles** – All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. Students are still encouraged not to drink out of the bubblers at school.



Support Classes News

K-6S & 2-6B

Everyone enjoyed using the bonding blanket to share some of their favourite things and experiences with each other during our PDHPE lessons. I hope everyone saw our awesome winning scarecrow at the Dungog Show. Thank you to Mrs Chant for helping each student add their individual touches to the Scarecrow.



Athletics Fun Day





Stage Two News

Stage Two- 2M

Stage 2 had a terrific time at the show last Friday! Students were excited to see their works of art on display and they also enjoyed seeing the animal nursery, bees, beef cattle judging, other displays and eating refreshing watermelon. To top off our day, we headed to the pool to cool off and practice our swimming skills. Please remember to bring your hat and water bottle every day. Have a great week!!

Stage Two- 2J

Great work to everyone who put artworks into the Dungog Show, they all looked amazing! 2J are super excited to finally open our compost bottles and see what has decomposed. In Science we are experimenting to see what material conducts heat better and in Dance, we have been learning all about different Australian dances. Have a great week everyone!

Stage Two- 2V

Week 6 already!!! The end of the year is upon us...2V have been super busy solving a mystery case in English on who stole the Mona Lisa. In Maths we have been looking at a combination of fractions, telling the time, working with money and working on our algorithms. In Geography we have been looking at natural features of Australia. Hope you have a super week.

Stage Three News



Stage Three- 3B

3B had a fantastic time at the Dungog Show and enjoyed being able to see all the different exhibits as well as our art that we submitted. In English we have been creating some exciting Imaginative writing pieces that are focused on engaging the reader. In Maths we have started to work on Fractions and have started out strong with our understanding of simplifying fractions, and we will be working on adding and subtracting fractions this week. Have an awesome week 😊

Stage Three- 3D

We had a fantastic time at the Dungog Show last week, seeing our artwork and scarecrow on display. This week we also learnt to Waltz in dance. In Maths we've been learning about fractions and decimals. We're using the highest common factor to simplify fractions. We'll be moving onto adding and subtracting fractions next. Have a fantastic week.

Stage Three- 3S

Before we know it, it will be the end of the term, end of the year and Christmas. There are so many events on this term as well as teaching. In English we are writing some poetry, in Maths we are completing our work on fractions and in CAPA we are enjoying our unit on dance.

PBL Awards

- KM** – Maxi Hopson
- 1O** – Mia Grey
- 1E** – Jaeger Tierney-Sermon
- K-6S** - Abel Millan
- 2M** – Zoey Marsh
- 2J** – Jack Rumbel
- 2V** – Christopher Debreceny
- 2-6B** – Logan Power
- 3P** – Lucy New
- 3B** – Sienna Gordon
- 3S** – Lilly Currie
- 3D** – Isaac Daglish-Doyle



Stage Three- 3P

What a wonderful time we have had in 3P getting ready for the Dungog show. The students made a scarecrow and created Artworks to be displayed. The students had a great time at the show seeing all the different exhibits. In English, students are publishing their imaginative writing pieces and in Maths students are learning how to simplify fractions. Have a great week!

Release from Face to Face

It has been a busy week; we have been learning all about fractions and patterns and how they relate to everyday life. We have also been learning about coding and how to use that in technology. We have also been doing lots of dancing and science. Everyone had a really good time at the Dungog Show seeing all different animals and stalls. Have a fantastic week!

Chaplain News

Homework can be very useful for kids. Homework can help children practice skills, work on projects, and learn time management skills. You can help kids by making time and space for homework in their daily routine. You could help your child by teaching and promoting organisation skills and by being positive toward homework. If your child is struggling with aspects of homework, contact the school to arrange to see their teacher. For more info and tips, go to...

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/school-education-work/school-homework-tips/homework>



Common COVID-19 symptoms



Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect - Problem Solving

Junior Farmhands – Dungog Show

Caught Being
Good Awards

Alfie Leaming
&
Harrison Beisler



Work Samples from Ms Carter & the Library



1C have been working hard with Ms Carter writing an imaginative text about a courageous character using adverbs and reading focusing on fluency.





P & C Notice Board



P&C 2023 Planning Meeting

General / Housekeeping meeting 5—5.30pm

2023 PLANNING (5.30–7.30)

FUNDRAISING (5.30-6pm)
All ideas welcome

CANTEEN (6-6.30pm)
Canteen special days
3 days opening

UNIFORM SHOP (6.30-7pm)
Review caps
Review uniform

IDEAS FOR WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DPS (7-7.30pm)

MONDAY 21st Nov

DPS Library 5pm start



Next P&C

General Meeting

Monday 21st November

Please come along and have your say in the planning for 2023!

New School Cap

Our new school caps have arrived and they can be purchased through the uniform shop. Place your order today.

\$20



New Sports Polos

Our new school sports polos will be arriving soon and you can pre-order yours soon through the uniform shop.

Keep an eye out for the pre-order form coming home soon with a special Term 4 introductory price.



Enquires -

Tracey (President) 0417 922 115 -

Philippa (Secretary) 0448 921 331

philippahudson5@gmail.com

Uniform shop – Jess 0438 828 589

Canteen - Amy 0475 279 465

Canteen Special Day Thursday 17th November

Milkshakes

\$4 each

No pre-order required

Available at Lunch 1 only





Community Notice Board



KIDS GAMES ARE BACK @ Dungog Anglican Hall

The Anglican Church has decided to run a 4 week session of Kids Games:-

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

THURSDAYS: - 17th, 24th November and 1st, 8th December.

TIME: - 3.10pm to 5pm.

PLACE: - Anglican Parish Hall in Dowling Street.

A fun filled afternoon of games, craft activities, stories, music and afternoon tea, all this fun for a gold coin donation.

Parents please note: -It is necessary for a parent or carer to bring their child/ children to the hall on the 1st afternoon as a permission note needs to be completed. Your child must be collected by an adult from the hall at 5pm.

We will collect children from the Public School after their 1st week and walk them up to the hall. Permission notes will be available from the Anglican Op-Shop from Friday 11th November.

Lorraine Walker for the organising committee.

A NEW REGIONAL THEATRICAL EVENT



Dungog Shakespeare
presents...

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
Dec 9th & 10th in the forest at Wangat Lodge

FRI 9TH DEC

6pm Performance ~ \$55

SAT 10TH DEC

1pm Matinée ~ \$40

6pm Performance & Banquet Dinner ~ \$120*

Buy tickets online @ www.trybooking.com/981060

*PLUS option to stay at Wangat Lodge on Saturday night!
Includes Sunday buffet breakfast + guided forest walk. Email info@wangat.com.au to book.

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COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.



Dungog Public School P&C

Uniform Order Form

NEW Sports Cap

Our new School Caps have arrived, these are an addition to our existing school uniform. You can order your new cap now for \$20



Orders can be dropped at the office or emailed to
dungogpublicschoolpc@gmail.com

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Class: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Payment made to:

Dungog Public School P&C Assoc.

BSB:646000

Account #: 10085742 Or Cash enclosed: _____



Dungog Public School 2022 Presentation Day

Date: Friday 2nd December 2022

Time: 12:30pm start

Venue: Dungog Public School Hall

We welcome you all to
join us in
celebrating the fantastic
achievements of our
students in 2022



Dungog Public School

STAGE 3

Cake

STALL

TUESDAY

22ND NOV

10am-2pm

Dungog IGA

Come treat yourself and support our fundraiser!



Dungog Public School BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday mornings in the
Millkshake Area from
8:40am - 9am

If you have skipped breakfast,
running late or would like a 2nd
breakfast, come along and fill your
tummy for a great kick start to
your day.

Special thanks to Dungog Barrington
Bakery, Foodbank and the local community
for their kind donations of food items.



Primary ETHICS

Come teach ethics at Dungog Public School

We are building an ethics program at Dungog Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers.

In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We have children on waitlists and want to give them the opportunity to take part in ethics. To do that we need more volunteers to teach.

You can teach ethics if:

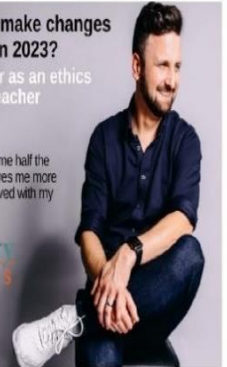
- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week at 2:00pm every 2nd Wednesday for a 40 minute lesson. You'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training, pass background checks and comply with Department of Education requirements

Want to make changes
in 2023?

Volunteer as an ethics
teacher

"I work from home half the
week, which gives me more
time to be involved with my
kids' school"

Primary
ETHICS



You will join a great community of Primary Ethics volunteers across NSW. You'll have the rewarding opportunity of listening to the fantastic students at our school and helping them grow. You'll develop new skills yourself - facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening. Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

Curious?

Visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Sandra Banta at Sandra.Banta@primaryethics.com.au

Parent Help Videos



FOR MORE INFO ON 62
CHILD RELATED TOPICS,
PLEASE SCAN:



3:55 Encouraging good behaviour: tips in action
No more tantrums! This video shows how to get good behaviour from children. See parents demonstrate praise, positive attention, role-modelling and more.



2:49 Child development: 5-6 years
What do children need for development at 5-6 years? They want independence, but also need encouragement, support and time with you as they start school.



2:55 Child development: 6-8 years
What do children need for healthy development at 6-8 years? A warm and loving relationship with you, and lots of everyday play and learning opportunities.



3:12 Child development: the first eight years
Watch and learn in the first eight years lays foundations for life. Development happens through play and relationships, as this video shows.



4:00 Telling stories with children
In this video hear a storyteller's tips for making a fun story anytime, anywhere. Telling stories with children promotes literacy, language and reading.



2:39 Telling stories with children: The crocodile
Watch and listen as Anne E. Stewart tells a story about a crocodile. See how telling fun stories with actions can help your child develop language.



1:20 Telling stories with children: The old lady and the mosquito
Watch and listen as Anne E. Stewart tells the story of the old lady and the mosquito. See how telling stories can help your child develop language.



2:01 Telling stories with children: Mook the cat
Watch and listen as Anne E. Stewart tells the story of Mook the cat. See how telling stories with actions can help your child develop language.



4:56 Gifted and talented children: signs and identification
In this video, parents describe signs of their child being gifted and talented. It can be good to have gifted children assessed before they start school.



3:39 Gifted and talented children: supporting learning
In this video, parents share practical tips for supporting the learning of gifted and talented children. You can do this as part of everyday life.



5:09 Gifted and talented children: working with schools
It's important to keep gifted and talented children engaged at school. Working in partnership with teachers and finding extracurricular activities can help.



5:26 Gifted and talented children: family life
Family life with a gifted child means balancing everyone's needs - not always easy! In this video parents talk about how they make it work.

JOIN DUNGOG SWIMMING CLUB THIS SUMMER

15M RACES FOR THE LITTLE TOTS THROUGH TO 33,66 & 100M RACES FOR THE BIGGER LOT!

SWIMMING CLUB ENCOURAGES YOU TO COMPETE AGAINST YOUR OWN TIME - AND HAVE FUN!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6PM
STARTING WEDNESDAY 19TH OCT

PRESCHOOLERS \$25
SCHOOL AGE - SENIOR SWIMMERS \$100
NON SWIMMING MEMBER \$15
ACTIVE VOUCHERS WELCOME

Please note this doesn't include pool entry fee



Dungog Swimming Club

Jeanie 0431204798 or Ellen 0423249771

